High School Graduation Requirements

The board will establish graduation requirements, which at a minimum satisfy those established by the State Board of Education. The board will approve additional graduation requirements as recommended by the superintendent or designee. Graduation requirements in effect when a student first enrolls in high school will remain in effect until that student graduates. The board will award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the district who meets the requirements established by the district. Only one diploma will be awarded with no distinctions being made between the various programs of instruction that may be pursued.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATING

Each student must meet the following requirements to graduate from high school: (1) complete the credit requirements specified in the procedure accompanying this policy; (2) demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan; and (3) meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures for implementing this policy according to applicable state law.

Cross References:  
Policy 2418 Waiver of High School Graduation Credits  
Policy 3520 Student Fees, Fines, or Charges  
Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action  
Policy 3110 Qualification of Attendance and Placement

Legal References:  
Laws of 2019 ch. 252, 201 Graduation Pathways options for the graduating class of 2020 and subsequent classes  
RCW 28A.155.045 Certificate of Individual Achievement  
RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies - Reevaluation of graduation requirements — Review and authorization of proposed changes — Credit for courses taken before attending high school — Postsecondary credit equivalencies  
RCW 28A.230.097 Career and technical high school course equivalencies  
RCW 28A.230.120 High school diplomas — Issuance — Option to receive final transcripts — Notice  
RCW 28A.230.122 International baccalaureate diplomas  
RCW 28A.600.300-400 Running start program - Definition  
RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of pupil, parent guardian — Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts — or Suspension and restitution — Voluntary work program as alternative — Rights protected  
Chapter 180-51 WAC High school graduation requirements
WAC 392-121-182  Alternative learning experience requirements
Chapter 392-169  WAC Special service programs - Running start program
Chapter 392-348  WAC Secondary education
Chapter 392-410  WAC Courses of study and equivalencies
WAC 392-410-350  Seal of Biliteracy
WAC 392-415-070  Mandatory high school transcript contents - Items -
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Laws of 2018  ch.127, & 2 Civics Education

Management Resources:
2020 December Issue
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